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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

Pursuant to the Freedom of information Act 2000, I would be grateful if you could provide information relating to the following survey questions.

Introductions

Under section 54 (Transparency in Supply Chains) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, relevant commercial organisations must publish an annual statement setting out the steps they are taking to prevent modern slavery in their supply chains. This statement is referred to as a Modern Slavery Statement.

The purpose of this survey is to collate data on how well UK public authorities enforce the legislation.

1. Is your authority's supply chain checked for adherence to Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015?

() Yes

(X) No – At present we are not able to audit the organisations entire supply chain for adherence to section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act.

() Not Sure

Other (please specify) []

2. In the calendar year 2017, how many suppliers in your supply chain did Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 apply to?

[We do not hold this information]

3. In the calendar year 2018, how many suppliers in your supply chain did Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 apply to?

[We do not hold this information]

4. How often are due diligence checks carried out in compliance with Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act and by whom (job title)?

We check for compliance to the Modern Slavery Act when we add new suppliers to our ordering system, when tendering for contracts with a value greater than £50k, when utilising a regional and nationally recognised framework.

5. Which area of your supply chain do you think is particularly vulnerable to risks of modern slavery and human trafficking and what steps have you taken to manage these risks?

All areas have the potential vulnerability, however companies who employ low skilled workers i.e. manufacturing and manual labour with an annual turnover of less than £36m would potentially be higher risk due to lack of awareness and corporate social responsibility standards. We try to mitigate these risks by only using suppliers who are on regionally and nationally approved frameworks which include these checks as part of the due diligence within the tendering processes.

6. How compliant is your authority to enforcing the requirements of section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015?

Full compliance

Partial / some compliance - The organisation produces an annual statement which is published on the Trust's website which details the steps that will be taken during the financial year to mitigate the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking within its supply chain. However, we are currently unable to audit our entire supplier base to ensure that they adhere to the requirements.

Not sure

Very little compliance

No compliance

7. Have there been any reports of incidents of Modern Slavery in your supply chain. If your answer is "yes" please provide details.

Yes

No

() Not sure

() Not applicable

If "Yes" provide details here: []

8. How well do you think staff managing contracts on behalf of your authority are trained to spot and tackle Modern Slavery within your supply chain?

All procurement staff involved in the management of contracts on behalf of the authority are aware of the modern slavery and human trafficking act 2015

9. Name of Authority

[Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust]

10. Does your authority publish a Modern Slavery statement? If "Yes", please provide a link to your Modern Slavery Statement otherwise enter "Not applicable" or "Not sure".

Yes, please see the link below:

https://www.wwl.nhs.uk/Library/Corp_Gov/Documents/modern_slavery_statement_2019_20.pdf

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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